

## She Does Not Remember

Anna Swir

She was an evil stepmother.  
In her old age she is slowly dying  
in an empty hovel.

She shudders  
like a clutch of burnt paper.  
She does not remember that she was evil.  
But she knows  
that she feels cold.

Anna Swir (Świrszczyńska) (1909-1984) was a Polish poet. Her poems have been collected in English translation in *Building the Barricade* (1974), *Happy as a Dog's Tail* (1985), *fat like the sun* (1986), and *Talking to My Body* (1996).